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"E" Division Tactical Operations Manual

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5.100. Gold, Silver, Bronze Command

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2. Definitions

2.1. [Critical Incident Commander](#), see National TOM 1.2.2.8.

2.2. **Gold, Silver, Bronze Operational Command System (GSB)** is a command structure whose hierarchical framework is used for the command and control of major incidents and disasters. This command structure is based on roles and responsibilities.

2.3. **Incident Command System (ICS)** is a standardized management tool for meeting the demands of small or large emergency or non-emergency situations. It is used by all levels of government and by the private sector.

2.4. **Planned Event** is an event where prior notification has been received and strategies, tactics and contingency plans were created and in place prior to the event taking place.

2.4. **Unplanned Event** is an event that occurs without warning; where public safety is threatened through violence, conflict, or catastrophe, which requires the deployment of emergency response resources.

3. General

3.1. The GSB Command structure provides clarity and accountability to incidents that exist outside regular emergency operations and/or jurisdictions.

3.2. The GSB Command framework delivers strategic, operational and tactical responses during major incidents or operations.

3.2.1 Gold (Strategic) Command is responsible for determining the strategy for managing an incident, including any tactical parameters that Silver and/or Bronze Commands must follow;

3.2.2. Silver (Operational) Command is responsible for producing and coordinating the operational plan following the strategy established by the Gold Commander;

3.2.3. Bronze (Tactical) Command is responsible for deployment of tactical resources to accomplish the Silver Commander's operational plan.

3.3. A GSB Command Structure may be activated in response to the following types of incidents:

3.3.1. national security events,

3.3.2. multi-jurisdictional criminal events,

3.3.3. public order events,

3.3.4. natural disasters, or

3.3.5. any other major incidents or disasters.

3.4. A GSB Command Structure may be activated by the E Division Commanding Officer (CO) or appointed delegate.

3.5. E Division's Gold, Silver, Bronze working group may assist in determining if an event requires the GSB Command Structure to be activated.

4. GSB Responsibilities

4.1. E Division OIC Operational Readiness and Response (ORR) is responsible for assisting E Division Criminal Operations (CROPS) in identifying GSB Commanders for planned events.

4.2. E Division OIC ORR will maintain a current list of trained and experienced GSB Commanders for E Division CROPS.

4.2.1 E Division CROPS will only appoint trained Gold and Silver Commanders to Gold and Silver command roles, except in exigent circumstances, E Division CROPS may issue an exemption to this rule.

4.3. Notwithstanding the Gold Commander's authority in strategic command; the E Division Commanding Officer (CO) or delegate retains ultimate authority over all designated events and emergencies.

4.4. Gold Command

4.4.1. The Gold Commander has oversight and global command responsibility throughout the emergency incident.

4.3.2. The Gold Commander will:

4.3.2.1. determine the strategic goals/objectives of the emergency incident;

4.3.2.2. safeguard that the deployed tactics are proportionate to the identified risks, meet strategic objectives; and are lawful;

4.3.2.3. prepare budgets for all GSB operations; and,

4.3.2.4. ensure required reporting is completed.

4.4. Silver Command

4.4.1. The Silver Commander is responsible for the operational considerations of the emergency incident or event and will, if feasible, be deployed at the incident scene.

4.4.2. The Silver Commander will:

4.4.2.1. develop and coordinate operational and/or tactical plans in accordance with strategic goals established by the Gold Commander;

4.4.2.2. collaborate and coordinate services and resources with partner agencies;

4.4.2.3. assign Bronze Commander(s) tasks and responsibilities at the scene of the incident;

4.4.2.4. conduct continuous assessments of the incident, updating operational plans where required;

4.4.2.5. create briefing notes, communiques, and debriefs during and at the conclusion of the incident; and,

4.4.2.6. coordinate and ensure RCMP Media Relations are activated and apprised of unfolding events.

4.5. Bronze Command

4.5.1. The Bronze Commander is responsible for tactical resource deployment at the incident and will be deployed at the incident scene.

4.5.2. The Bronze Commander will:

4.5.2.1 assume tactical control over their assigned task and /or geographic area;

4.5.2.2. deploy resources to execute operational plans. See [sec. 3.2.](#);

4.5.2.3. provide direction and guidance to staff to ensure proper execution of the operational plan. See [sec. 3.2.](#);

4.5.2.4. document all tactical decisions in a command log;

4.5.2.5. communicate any emerging information to Silver Command and staff that may affect the tactical plan; and,

4.5.2.6. install Sub-Bronze Commanders assigned to respective areas of responsibility as required.

5. Transfer of Command

5.1. At the discretion of the CO, CROPS officer, or delegate, a transfer of Gold command may be required when;

5.1.1. a Gold commander is relieved of his command;

5.1.2. the incident timeline changes or becomes protracted;

5.1.3. the incident changes geographical jurisdiction; or

5.1.4. the incident escalates or changes.

5.2. The relieved Gold commander will debrief the incoming commander before any transfer of command is completed.

5.3. All transfers of command will be announced through operational lines of communication and documented in incident logs, briefing notes and GSB commander notes.

6. GSB Training

6.1. GSB Commander designation requires:

6.1.1. Initial Critical Incident Response - Level 100 (ICIR) - or Critical Incident Commander (CIC) designation - National (001118);

6.1.2. Incident Command System 100 (ICS100) - National (000353);

6.1.3. Incident Command System 200 Orientation (ICS200) - (000354); and

6.1.4. Local GSB Training coordinated through E Division OIC ORR.



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